

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

V. [] A statement that this filing is by a small entity is attached.

[] A separate refund request accompanies this paper.

[] was filed on _____ (original).

COMPLETION FEES

VI. ***WARNING: Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 C.F.R. 1.53.***

NOTE: For effect on fees of failure to establish status, or change status, as a small entity, see 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a).

1.	Filing Fee	
	[] Original Patent Application (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) --\$690.00, Small Entity--\$345.00)	\$ ____.00
2.	Fees for Claims (Claims; Indep.)	
	[] each independent claim in excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)--\$78.00; small entity--\$39.00)	\$ ____.00
	[] each claim in excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)--\$18.00; small entity--\$9.00)	\$ ____.00
	[] multiple dependent claim(s) (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)--\$260.00; small entity--\$130.00)	\$ ____.00
3.	Surcharge fees	
	[] late payment of filing fee (37 C.F.R. 1.16(e)--\$130.00; small entity--\$65.00)	\$ ____.00
	and/or	
	[x] late filing of original declaration or oath (37 C.F.R. 1.16(e)--\$130.00; small entity--\$65.00)	\$ ____ 130.00
	<i>NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers, only one surcharge fee for both need be paid. 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e).</i>	
4.	[] Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor (37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) and 1.47--\$130.00)	\$ ____ .00
5.	[] Fee for processing an application filed with a specification in a non-English language (37 C.F.R. 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)--\$130.00)	\$ ____ .00
6.	[x] Assignment Fee	\$ ____ 40.00
	Total Completion Fees	\$170.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

VII.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) apply.

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (Months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
One Month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
Two Months	\$ 380.00	\$ 190.00
Three Months	\$ 870.00	\$ 435.00

Extension Fee \$ 00.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[] An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 00.00

OR

(b) [x] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

VIII.

The total fee due is: Completion fee(s) \$170.00
 Extension fee (if any) \$ _____.00
 Total Fee Due **\$170.00**

PAYMENT OF FEES

IX. [x] Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$170.00.
[] Charge Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate of this request is attached.

**AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES OR
CREDIT OVERPAYMENT**

X. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

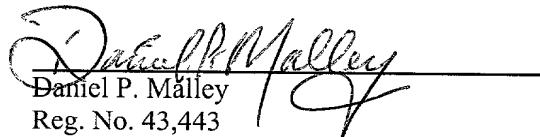
Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date



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